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SUBJECT:SUGGESTED ARRIVAL REMARKS - ROME

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1. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE INVITATION WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED TO ME FOR THIS VISIT AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY MISSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT PLEASURE TO RETURN TO A COUNTRY WHICH HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE OF AFFECTION IN THE HEARTS OF AMERICANS AND WITH WHOSE LEADERS WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AS FRIEND AND ALLIES. FOR OVER 25 YEARS THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN EUROPE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE HAVE DEEPLY VALUED THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO TRANSATLANTIC UNDERSTANDING AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE ITALY'S LEADERS HAVE PLAYED IN FURTHERING SOLIDARITY IN THE WESTERN WORLD. I LOOK FORWARD TO MY DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR LEADERS DURING MY VISIT AND AM CONVINCED THAT THE OBJECTIVES AND FRIENDSHIP WE SHARE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESSFULLY
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MEETING THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE AHEAD.

2. (IF APPROPRIATE: I ALSO OF COURSE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS
OCCASION TO MEET HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI WHOSE UNTIRING
EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WORLD PEACE HAVE WON SUCH DEEP RESPECT
AND AFFIRMATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.) RUSH

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